Annex

Highlights of United Nations Volunteers cooperation in peacekeeping operations

Cambodia (1992-1993)

1. An initial 465 United Nations Volunteers (district electoral supervisors), recruited from 66 countries, served in the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) and its earlier advance mission (UNAMIC) for the two-year period 1992-1993. Training some 50,000 Cambodian nationals on the job in the appropriate skills, they successfully organized the registration of the voting population, numbering 4.7 million. In two-person teams, they also conducted a civic education campaign in virtually every district of the country, as well as establishing polling stations and supervising the May 1993 elections. In addition, around 220 Volunteers provided technical and administrative assistance, essentially within the Division of Administration.

Mozambique (1993-1994)

2. A total of 280 United Nations Volunteers served the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (ONUMOZ) in support of the peace-building and electoral processes. The breakdown of the UNV staffing contribution was as follows: demobilization, 111; logistics officers and head of sub-offices, 46; humanitarian assistance coordination, 13; electoral observers, 103; and UNV Support Unit, 7.

Somalia (1993-1994)

3. The contribution of UNV to the United Nations Operation in Somalia (UNOSOM II) was likewise significant: 120 United Nations Volunteers provided services in: (a) substantive areas, serving as human rights officers, demobilization officers, justice/juvenile officers, humanitarian affairs officers, policy planning officers and political officers; and (b) technical/ administrative functions of the Mission.

South Africa (1994)

4. Just over 200 United Nations Volunteers (electoral observers) served with the United Nations Observer Mission in South Africa (UNOMSA). Deployed at the provincial level, the Volunteers were responsible for conducting demographic and election-related surveys, identifying and establishing polling stations, observing party rallies, monitoring the election process and monitoring the movement and safe keeping of electoral materials.

Liberia (1993-1997)

5. A total of 21 United Nations Volunteers initially served in the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL) to carry out administrative functions related to elections. An additional 29 Volunteers were thereafter fielded to serve in other functions, such as camp supervisors for the demobilization centres and in administrative and logistical support functions; however, all of them were repatriated because of the violence that took place in April 1996. When the Liberian peace process received a new boost and elections were planned for July 1997, the UNV programme fielded 35 Volunteers (electoral observers) who successfully served side-by-side with United Nations military observers for the presidential and legislative elections.

Rwanda (1994-1996)

6. A total of 74 United Nations Volunteers were recruited to support the administrative and technical functions of the United Nations Assistance Mission to Rwanda (UNAMIR). All the Volunteers were deployed and served until the Mission's closure in late 1996.

Guatemala (1994 to present)

7. From the outset of the mission until the present, the UNV programme has maintained a constant number of approximately 100 United Nations Volunteers in the

United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA), including the Commission for Historical Clarification, serving largely in substantive roles, such as human rights officers and legal affairs officers. Currently 98 United Nations Volunteers are serving in MINUGUA.

Haiti (1995 to March 2000)

8. Under the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (MIPONUH), a total of 29 United Nations Volunteers served to support the administrative functions of the missions. The Volunteers provided specialized services in communications, air operations and flight safety, engineering, logistics and the like. Under the International Civilian Mission in Haiti (MICIVIH), an additional 30 Volunteers (human rights observers) were fielded in early 1995.

Angola (1995 to June 2000)

9. A total of 75 United Nations Volunteers (50 to support demobilization efforts and 25 to support administrative and logistical functions) were fielded to the United Nations Verification Mission in Angola (UNAVEM III) in 1995.

Former Yugoslavia (1995)

10. The original plan called for a total of 308 United Nations Volunteers to work in the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in April 1995. However, only 24 were actually fielded, and the recruitment for the remaining posts was cancelled for reasons related to the transformation of the mission into the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia (UNCRO), UNPROFOR and the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (UNPREDEP), collectively referred to as United Nations Peace Forces (UNPF), and its change in mandate. Subsequent to the closure of UNPF, all of the Volunteers serving under the memorandum of understanding with UNPF were transferred to the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (UNTAES) in early 1996.

Eastern Slavonia (1996-1997)

11. Under UNTAES, a memorandum of understanding was signed in June 1996 for the services of 100 United Nations Volunteers to support the implementation of civil affairs and the peaceful handover of the mandate of UNTAES to the people of Eastern Slavonia. Of the total, half served as civil affairs officers (carrying out needs assessments, population surveys, etc.), and the remaining 50 were assigned support functions. In addition, 20 Volunteers (electoral officers) were recruited in January 1997 to serve three-month assignments.

Iraq (1991-1992 and 1997 to present)

12. In 1991 more than 100 United Nations Volunteers served with various United Nations agencies under the overall umbrella of the humanitarian support mission. In July 1997, 14 United Nations Volunteers were budgeted under a memorandum of understanding to provide support to the United Nations Office of the Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq (UNOHCI); however, only 10 were fielded in the support functions and the remaining four positions were withdrawn owing to the changing requirements of the mission. Currently only two Volunteers remain.

Central African Republic (1998)

13. At the request of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and Political Affairs, the services of 14 United Nations Volunteers (medium-term electoral observers) were provided to the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (MINURCA) for the organization of legislative elections. Under an amendment to the memorandum of understanding signed in June 1999, an additional 43 Volunteers (30 medium-term electoral observers and 13 in support functions) were fielded for the presidential elections held in September 1999.

East Timor (1999 to present)

14. Within a six-week period in June 1999, the UNV programme fielded 481 district electoral officers and 19 medical personnel to assist the United Nations Mission in East Timor (UNAMET) to organize and

implement the August 1999 popular consultations. Serving at the forefront, and as the largest category of civilian United Nations personnel, the Volunteers performed the functions of voter registration, observation of the campaign process, civic education, observation of the balloting and counting of the ballots.

15. Following the crisis in East Timor immediately after the popular consultations, all United Nations personnel, including the Volunteers, were evacuated to Australia. In October 1999 approximately 70 of them returned to serve at the district level in the capacity of civil affairs officers, bridging the gap between the transformation of UNAMET into the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET). Currently, approximately 500 Volunteers are serving in the mission. The UNV programme has been called upon to provide an unprecedented diversity of functions within 25 different components of the mission to serve in over 90 different substantive and technical support functions. An additional 328 Volunteers are currently planned and budgeted for the period from July 2000 to June 2001 to provide support to the civic registration and electoral processes.

Kosovo (1999 to present)

16. The initial contribution of UNV to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) called for the provision of 200 Volunteers to serve as civil affairs officers (with the Department of Civil Affairs and Public Administration) in September 1999. An additional 100 United Nations Volunteers in the same category were requested in February 2000. In March, 400 additional Volunteers were requested to serve as registration supervisors to organize, supervise and implement the whole Kosovo electoral registration process under a United Nations/Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Joint Registration Task Force. The fielding of more than 300 specially recruited Volunteers from 80 different nationalities was done over a three-week period in April.

Sierra Leone (2000 to present)

17. The latest contribution of the UNV programme to peacekeeping operations is its participation since early 2000 in the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL). A total of 72 United Nations Volunteers were deployed to complement the international staffing requirements in the areas of civil affairs and technical support.